

Chukar
14 Jun 1974
Davenport, Scott Co., IA
P. Petersen
IBL 44:72, 45:49, letter (Petersen)

Record Number: 81-IO
Classification: NA

NOTE

Peter C. Petersen, 30 June 1981

PHOTOGRAPH

Peter C. Petersen, 14 June 1974, P-0010

REFERENCES

Field Reports: IBL 44:72.

Layton, K., and I. Layton. 1975. Iowa bird banding summary for 1974. IBL 45:49-52, p 49.

Petersen, P. C. 1981. Chukars in the Quad-Cities. IBL 51:131.

VOTE (1981): on record 2-I-P, 4-VI, 1-pass (on ID 2-1-P, 1-II, 1-IV)

VI(I-P), Photo on file, diagnostic.

I-P, photo.

pass, my record -- photo not circulated.

VI(IV), no description.

VI(III), Pete's comments would indicate that a population of sorts has survived in the area some 10-11 years. Records from 1980 onwards should count (released 1970 - PCP) the Davenport area.

REVIEW: The photograph of record 5 showing a Chukar on a nest was viewed at the Records Committee meeting of 5 Sep 1981 and rated unanimously I-P for identification. The species, however, remains class VI because it is not considered established.

REVOTE ON 5, 6, 7, 8 and species (1982): 4-I-P, 3-VI

VI, New evidence is entirely hearsay. No dates, observers or even addresses. Even so, I would not judge this species to be expanding its population yet.

I-P, comments made in article.

I-P, Unless it can be proven that the Chukar was reintroduced after 1970, the 10-year introduced species idea is applicable here.

VI, I have doubts that the population is increasing, even though breeding has occurred. Are there more than 100 birds now? A few more years will tell the story.

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Brown, W. H. 1974. Field reports. Iowa Bird Life 44:71-75 (p 72)

Quail, Pheasants, Chukar. Reports on Quail and Pheasants were good. A Chukar sitting on fifteen eggs in West Davenport allowed Petersen to pick it up and band it. The eggs failed to hatch.

photographed
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Layton, K. and I. Layton. 1975. Iowa bird banding summary for 1974.
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Bank Swallows are down, our colonies have simply dried up. Diggs dug up 3 Carolina Chickadees for possible the most unusual species to be added to the Iowa list this year. (As far as I am able to determine this is a first). The same as their most unusual Poor-will appears to be yet another first and how about the MacGilvrays Warbler? Nice going folks. Pete added another first for Iowa with the Chukar.

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Additional notes- Davenport Area.

The source of the 1974 nesting bird may have been Mr. Dick Knox, Pres. of Knox Oil Co. He bought 100 in Oklahoma in 1970 & released them at his home - edge of Davenport & Bettendorf, $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. from Miss. R. One was ~~st~~ seen in his yard last spring. He had forgotten about his purchase until I identified this bird & learned of his import. I have been called one to three times per year since 1970 re. sightings of Chukers in Davenport, many along Duck Creek in N.W. & N.E. Davenport. On May 8, 1981 one was reported on a Farm $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N.E. of Blue Grass, Scott Co., present for one week.

This species was introduced at "Wild Wings", 7 mi S. of Muscatine, a former shooting preserve. This area is now owned by Iowa-Illinois Gas & El. Co. One of their biologists, Dary/Jahn, has not seen one in the past three years - he is on the site about twice a week.

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Petersen, P. C. 1981. Chukars in the Quad-Cities. Iowa Bird Life 51:131

Chukars in the Quad-Cities — Throughout the 1970s, I received several reports of Chukars at feeding stations and in yards in Davenport and Bettendorf. In 1974 a bird built a nest in a railroad yard in west Davenport but did not succeed in hatching her eggs. Several years ago I received a call to identify a bird in the yard of Richard Knox who lives about four blocks from me just into Bettendorf. The bird was a Chukar and upon learning its identity, Mr. Knox recalled that he bought 100 in Oklahoma in 1970 and released them in his yard (several acres, partly wooded). These birds apparently spread throughout the area and were responsible for the many reports. At a n.w. Davenport resident indicates they have bred successfully the last three summers. One report in the summer of 1981 came from near Blue Grass, nearly fourteen miles from the release point. Having survived for eleven years, they are a part of the Quad-City avifauna and are deserving of a place on the Iowa list of birds. PETER C. PETERSEN, 235 McClellan Blvd., Davenport, 52303.

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